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No. 102 of 1978

An Act to amend the Police Offences Act, 1953-1978

[Assented to 7th December, 1978]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

Short titles.

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Police Offences Act Amendment Act (No. 3), 1978".
- (2) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1978, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".
- (3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Police Offences Act, 1953-1978".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 15—
Offensive weapons, drugs and articles of disguise.

- 2. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) by inserting after subsection (1a) the following subsection:—
 - (1b) Any person who, without lawful excuse-
 - (a) manufactures, sells, distributes, supplies or otherwise deals in dangerous articles;

or

(b) has in his possession, or uses, a dangerous article, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Two thousand dollars or imprisonment for two years, or both.;

- (b) by striking out subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:—
 - (2) A court that has convicted a person of an offence under this section may order that the weapon, implement, drug, article of disguise or dangerous article in relation to which the offence was committed be forfeited to the Crown.;
- (c) by inserting in subsection (3) after the definition of "carry" the following definition:—

- "dangerous article" means any article or thing declared by regulation to be a dangerous article for the purposes of this section:;
- (d) by striking out from subsection (3) the definition of "prescribed drug" and inserting in lieu thereof the following definition:—
 - "prescribed drug" means any drug or substance declared by regulation to be a prescribed drug for the purposes of this section:;

and

- (e) by inserting after subsection (3) the following subsection:—
 - (4) The Governor may, by regulation—
 - (a) declare any drug or substance to be a prescribed drug for the purposes of this section;

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(b) declare any specified articles or things, or articles or things of a specified class, to be dangerous articles for the purposes of this section.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

K. D. SEAMAN, Governor